year 1993.94. Besides, recovery ac- *tion* for stock shortage was taken in eases involving 450 employees.

Import export units hit by strike _of_ DGFT Officials

*17. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: i Wil the Minister of COMMERCE be I pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the import-export units in the Capital have been grossly affected due to strike toy Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) officials;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the (strike;

(c) whether Government propose to probe the matter and book the culprits; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) There was no strike in the Head Quarters office of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, However, in the Regional Offices *at* the Organisation,, there was a pen_ down strike due to the arrest of one official at Pondicherry under COFE-pOSA. All urgent requirements of the Import-Export Units were at-/tended to at Headquarters office and by the Officers in Regional Offices. Disciplinary action has been initiated against the culprits.

Industrial Mission to China

*18. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU;

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJ1KAO SHINDE

With the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that an 11-memljer industrial mission of the Confederation of Indian Industries, visited China in the last week *ot* June, 1994 and if so, whether it has submitted its report to Government;

(b) what was its assessment about the potential for Indo-Chinese Co-operation in Industrial and trade deveolpment; and

(c) whether any meeting of the Joint Commission of India and China was also held recently to assess such cooperation potential and areas of cooperation and if so; what decisions were taken therein?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHEBJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, an 11-mem-ber mission from the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) visited China in June 1994. Report of the mission is awaited.

(c) During the meeting of the India-China Joint Group of Economic Cooperation, Trade Science and Technology held in New Delhi from June 13 to 15, 1994, the following areas of cooperation were identified:

(i) to conduct joint market sur veys and undertake other trade pro motion measures to increase bilate ral trade.

(ii) to explore possibilities of forming joint ventures and jointly contracting projects in third coun tries.

(iii) to explore possibility of Materiel cooperation in the fields of iron and steel, railway, telecommunications aviation water conservancy, coal and iron ore mining, metallurgy, auto components, computer software, pharmaceuticals, fisheries and agro products.

(iv) to participate in tenders for projects to be financed by the World Bank, Asian Development Bank or other International financial organisation; in *either* of the two countries.

(v) the items of export and import interest for either country were id-contified and included in the trade protocol for 1994-95.

like in the Price of Coal

**19.* SHRI GAYA SINGH;
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA;

Will the Minister of COAL, be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of coal has been hiked by 5-6 per ceat eat recently;

(II) if so, what are the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Govt, have revised the prices of coal produced by Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company limited w.e.f. 17.6. 1994. The ave-rnfo price of coal of Coal India Limited has been enhanced from Rs. 381 00 per tonne to Rs. 401 per tonne (5.25) per cent.) The average price of coal of Singareni Collieries Company Limited has also been enhanced from Rs. 482 per tonne to Rs. 503 per tonne (4.36 per cent) .

The increase in Coal Prices became necessary since cost indices for various inputs had moved up and required "rutralisation.

Employment Target

*20. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PLANING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(e) whether the; target of 10 mli-lion employment fell short by a million during the last year because of poor performance by five major States; if so, the names of these States and

(b) the measures Government have taken to make these States meet the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The Eighth Five Year Plan envisages generation of additional employment opportunities of about 8.5 million per year, on an average, during the Plan period. No annual Or State-wise targets have been set in this regard. It is estimated that 6.4 million and 5.6 million additional employment opportunities are likely to have been generated during 1992-93 and 1993-94, respctively.

Discrimination in Placement of Supply Orders in Super Bazar

1. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: "Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBILIC DIS TRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether equality placed suppliers of washing soaps, detergents etc are discriminated againt the placement of supply orders by the Super Bazar;

(b) if so, the reasons for such discrimination and the steps taken to check the same and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of complaints received in this regard and what is the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVTL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Super Bazar has reported that there has been no cage of discrimination. However, in. case of any grievancecomplamt pointed out by a supplier, appropriate action is taken.